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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6498**  
**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1197

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 18, 2008  
**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** PERF Vesting Period.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Crawford  
**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**  **GENERAL**  
 **DEDICATED**  
 **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill reduces from ten to eight the number of years of creditable service a member of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund (PERF) must earn to obtain vested status.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2009.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The estimated fiscal impact appears in the table below.

|   | <b>State</b> | <b>Political<br/>Subdivisions</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|---|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Increase in Unfunded Accrued Liability: | \$850,000    | \$2,650,000                       | \$3,510,000  |
| Increase in Annual Cost:                | \$1,000,000  | \$2,180,000                       | \$3,170,000  |
| Increase in Annual Cost (as % of Pay):  | 0.066%       | 0.080%                            | 0.074%       |

There would be no change in the funded status of PERF, currently at 98.2%.

The funds affected for state are the General Fund (55%), or \$467,500, and various dedicated funds (45%), or \$382,500. The percentage split represents the split in the personal services portion of the state budget.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** See *Explanation of State Expenditures*.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** All.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Those units with members in Public Employees' Retirement Fund.

**Information Sources:** Doug Todd of McCready & Keene, Inc., actuaries for PERF, 317-576-1508.

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**DEFINITIONS**

**Unfunded Actuarial Liability** - sometimes called the unfunded liability, of a retirement system at any time is the excess of its actuarial liability at that time over the value of its cash and investments.